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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the anchor extension subspecies I of Fig. 7. Applicants also elect the connecting element subspecies I of Fig. 1. The elections are made without traverse.

With regard to the pending claims 1-20, 50, 52-58, and 91-134, at least claims 1, 50, 91, 106, and 125 are generic. Claims 1-18, 20, 50, 52, 57-58, 91-104, 106-116, 121-129, and 131-134 are readable on the elected subspecies, and examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

In reviewing the claims, it was noted there was a gap in the claim numbering between claims 116 and 120. Accordingly, the claims have been amended with this response to indicate that claims 117-119 are cancelled to maintain consistency in the claim numbering. Claims 1-20, 50, 52-58, 91-116, and 120-134 are now pending upon entry of the above amendment.

Consideration of the present application as amended and in view of the foregoing election is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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